

OFFICERS WORK ON THEORY OF POISON

Mystery in Death of Rear-Admiral Eaton May Be Penetrated To-Day.

EVIDENCE IS CONFLICTING

Some Say Eaton Used Drugs; Others That He Feared Them.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Boston, March 19.—The Plymouth County officials investigating the death of Rear-Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, retired, are working on the hypothesis that his death was caused by poison. When the inquest is resumed at Bingham tomorrow it is expected that much of the poison mystery will be solved, through evidence tending to show whether or not the naval officer was a user of certain heart stimulants. The substance of the testimony offered by the members of the Eaton family was that they were all afraid the admiral would poison them, and that he was addicted to the use of various drugs and poisons for several purposes.

Evidence directly opposed to this was given by neighbors of the Eatons, several of whom said on the witness stand that Admiral Eaton had on different occasions shown his fear of poisons of all kinds.

James Prouty, who lives across the street from the Eaton home, testified that on one occasion the admiral had ordered him to remove a box of poison from the Eaton place, saying, "For God's sake, take it away."

It was also brought out that charges and counter charges of poisoning and attempts to poison have been made among members of the Eaton family since the sudden death of the adopted baby son in 1909, at which time Mrs. Eaton accused the husband of poisoning the child.

It was announced to-day by Judge George W. Kelly, personal counsel for Mrs. Eaton, that Dorothy V. Ainsworth, stepdaughter of the admiral, was not a beneficiary under the Eaton will. The widow is named as executrix.

DEFER ACTION

Police Board Will Elect Matron at Regular Meeting Next Month.

The matter of electing a matron, as authorized by the recent enactment of an ordinance by the City Council, was not taken up last night at a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners as was expected, but was laid on the table until the regular meeting next month.

A. J. Kraus, of South Richmond, was elected a member of the force to succeed Patrolman R. W. Jennings, who yesterday tendered his resignation to Chief of Police Warner, effective April 1. Jennings quit the department, he said, in order to remove to Florida, where he will try his hand at farming. Jennings, who was a member of the force since 1901, was regarded as an exceptionally efficient officer.

Plans for the enlargement of the First Station were received and approved. Secretary Pollock was authorized to advertise for bids to be submitted by April 1. Captain Pollock was also authorized by the board to ask for bids for furnishing the department with sixteen bicycles and one motorcycle.

ELEVEN FACE CHARGES

Many Boys Said to Have Stolen Pigeons From West End Residents.

Eleven boys, arrested by Policemen Bryant and Samuels, will be arraigned in the Juvenile Court this morning on the charge of stealing pigeons from numerous residents in the West End.

Those who will have to answer the charges are: Carlisle Waters, fifteen years old; Leo Duggan, eleven; William Cadore, fourteen; Charles Cadore, ten; Barney Thurston, eleven; Thomas Martin, thirteen; Arthur Martin, eleven; Floyd Whitlock, fifteen; Russell Robinson, fifteen; William Robinson, thirteen; and Walter Brown, fourteen.

Those who claim to have been robbed of pigeons include: L. M. Ellis, of 312 West Broad Street; A. L. Williams, of 524 Cumberland Street; Andrew Burnham, of 127 West Main Street; Blair Northern, of 221 Floyd Avenue; Edward Rucker, of 399 Allen Avenue; R. E. Smith, of 2 South Pine Street; Samuel Bendheim, of 2213 Monument Avenue; and Sanford Beasley, of 412 North Lombardy Street.

MUCH MONEY NEEDED.

Churches and Educational Institutions to Be Erected at Bristol.

Bristol, Va., March 19.—The people of Bristol and surrounding section are just now facing important campaigns for churches and educational institutions, and the immediate demands aggregate something like \$175,000. Emory and Henry College is looking for this community for a liberal share of the \$75,000 which it is now endeavoring to raise, while King College, the Presbyterian male school of this city, is looking to Bristolians for contributions of not less than \$25,000. The Baptists are calling for funds with which to complete a church that will cost \$50,000. The Presbyterians of the first church expect to put \$20,000 in a Sunday school chapel, while Sullins College and Virginia Intermont College are expecting aid in the completion of the payment of their respective debts.

It is understood that these various causes are to be urged at once.

GREAT DEPARTMENT STORE OPENS DOORS TO PUBLIC



Vast Throng Crowd Weisberger's All Day Long—Owner Expresses Appreciation, and Says He Has Just Started.

Richmond people gave a warm welcome to a vast new enterprise on yesterday, when the doors of Weisberger's great department store were thrown open, and all the town, as well as some of its neighbors, turned out to show their appreciation.

All day long crowds thronged the department, and the store was a scene of activity. Mr. Weisberger knew what he was talking about when he said he could get a crowd for an opening on Wednesday, or any other day of the week. He gave the people what they wanted.

"I am more than satisfied," said Mr. Weisberger last night. "I am doing my best to give Richmond a modern up-to-date department store, and the people certainly have appreciated what I have done."

"They have shown by their presence and their purchases that we are welcome."

"I've just started; only give me time and I'll show the citizens of this city what I can do—and that is to give them the best department store in the whole country. I'm going to aid in the 'booster' movement, and arrange it so that Richmond people will shop in Richmond."

Endless Stream.

A host of people were on hand long before the doors opened, and as the day progressed, a never-ending stream of humanity poured into the store. Some came from curiosity, some to look and admire, but the greater majority was attracted by the bargains displayed on every hand.

Perhaps the busiest two men in all Richmond yesterday were Mr. Weisberger, the president, and Mr. Kramer, the secretary and treasurer. In a dozen places in as many minutes, answering questions, explaining, directing, they contributed in no small measure to the remarkable facility with which the vast number of customers were served.

The universal expression seemed to be that of great satisfaction—with the store, its management and the goods. The building is a handsome new structure, four stories in height and situated on Broad Street, between Third and Fourth streets. In the very center of the shopping district. A huge electric sign adorns the front.

In the basement of the store are the soda fountain and the domestic goods and house furnishings carried by the concern.

The first floor is occupied by dress goods, silks, linens, notions, embroidery, lace, toilet articles, neckwear, underwear, hosiery and men and boys' furnishings.

On the second floor are men and boys' clothing, ladies' and misses' and children's shoes, coats and dresses, millinery and underwear.

The third and fourth floors are occupied by furniture, rugs, carpets, curtains and graphophones and such things. The store is bright and roomy throughout.

"If there's anything you want which we haven't got, just ask for it. We'll get it," said Mr. Weisberger. "Watch us grow."



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Odds and Ends From the Wire

BLIND HORSE GUIDES POLICE.

Enables Them to Find Body of Master Who Drove Him for Many Years.

Cranford, N. J., March 19.—The faithfulness of a blind horse helped the authorities to discover that John McNamara had died of heart disease. The man was out through the day with his horse and wagon, and when he was stricken in Cranford the horse stopped. When McNamara did not return to Elizabeth the police were asked to look for him.

They found the patient blind animal standing in the road waiting for the word from its master before it would take another step. McNamara was sixty-two years old and had been employed by the Byrnes Building Company for almost forty years. He lived with his children at 42 West Jersey Street.

The owner of the horse considers it useless now, as nobody but McNamara could ever get any work out of it since it became blind.

SAYS EDITOR LIBELS COURT.

Alleged Persecution of Judge's Remarks Leads to Prosecution.

Pottsville, Pa., March 19.—Editor J. H. Zerby, of the Pottsville Republican, was prosecuted by Judge H. Koch for criminal libel, for alleged misrepresentation of Judge Koch's remarks, uttered while sentencing a girl who pleaded guilty to stealing her employer's money. Zerby waived a hearing before Justice Frank Foster, and was held in \$1,000 bail for the May court.

The judge last week advised Ada Kline, a girl who confessed because she was paid only \$4 a week, to take up household work, and he charged that Zerby so perverted this advice in print as to make it an attack on the morals and manners of factory girls.

NUDE MAIDEN A PROBLEM.

Chicago Jury to Pass on Her Fitness for Inspection.

Chicago, March 19.—A young woman, full of innocent joy in her early morning inspection, taking a dip, was being inspected by a crowd when Police Sergeant Jeremiah J. Conner came along. He charged that the maiden was labeled "September Morn" and insisted by Paul Chicagoan of International reputation, made no impression upon the apostle of purity, who seized the innocent maiden, wrapped her in a newspaper and carried her away.

He appeared in court to learn how far out could go, but beyond a promise that the maid should on Thursday consider the matter, nothing was done by Judge Rooney because he was too busy to give adequate time to so delicate a subject.

REAL POLITICAL CHAMELEON.

Negro Says "De 'Ministration Can't Change Quicker Dan I Kin."

Washington, March 19.—Senator William P. Dillingham, of Vermont, Republican, reminded John C. Cortis, one of the negroes in the saddle, and told him to look out for his job.

"John," said Senator Dillingham, "there has been a change in administration. What are you going to do? The 'ministration can't change quicker dan I kin," declared John.

HEAVIEST MAN PAYS BET.

Trundles Antagonist on Presidency Two Miles in a Barrow.

Albany, N. Y., March 19.—Led by a bugler, and flanked on either side by scores of marching men and boys, Tom Ward, who weighs 310 pounds, trundled Fred Miller, the heaviest man in the world, over the paved streets of this town in a barrow.

Miller weighs 425 pounds, and the two took the Wilson end of the recent presidential election, while Ward swore by Taft. Both men were high hats, and the route of the parade covered two miles.

NOTED DIVORCEE ENRICHED.

Mrs. Love Principal Heir Under Mother's Will.

Chicago, March 19.—Mrs. Marjorie Burnes Love, the divorced wife of Sidney C. Love, a former Chicago broker, who a few years ago lost a fortune, is the principal heir to the estate of her mother, Mrs. Frances B. Burnes, whose will was filed in the Probate Court to-day. The estate is valued at \$32,000.

Mrs. Love now resides in New York.

Other than one bequest of \$10,000, the estate is left in trust, which will terminate when Mrs. Love is fifty-five years old and her eldest child is twenty-one years old, at which time the estate will vest in Mrs. Love absolutely.

DOCKERY WEARS BOOTS.

Kind That Reach to the Knees—Trousers Legs Outside.

Washington, March 19.—The new Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Alexander Monroe Dockery, of Missouri, wears boots, real old-fashioned boots, the kind that reach to the knees. He wears them winter and summer, and he wears his trousers on the outside.

Mr. Dockery has two hobbies—high boots and being official. He says that he has never been without an office since he became of voting age. If he can get a remunerative position he takes it, but he often works for the public with no hope of reward. After serving as Governor of Missouri and in Congress he held a job as road overseer in Missouri.

SIBLEY GIVES PLAYGROUND.

With General Miller, Donates Fourteen Acres for City.

Franklin, Pa., March 19.—Former Congressman Joseph Sibley, of Ohio, and General Charles Miller announced a gift of a portion of their famous Prospect Hill stock farm to the city of Franklin as an athletic park and public playground.

It contains fourteen acres and is at the edge of the city. It is estimated to be worth \$20,000. The gift embraces a half-mile track that was famous in the eighties.

WATCHING SERUM TESTS CLOSELY.

Catawba Sanatorium Prepared to Obtain Friedmann's Cure When Convinced.

While hopeful that his turtle tuberculosis serum may be all he and his friends claim for it, the tuberculosis experts of the State's hospital at Catawba are still skeptical of Dr. Friedmann's discovery, according to Dr. B. L. Talliaferro, first assistant resident physician at Catawba Sanatorium. That he may have found the cure for the terrible white plague, the State Medical authorities most ardently hope, but there is such division of opinion on the subject among those who have been allowed to watch the German scientist at work that so far as Virginia is concerned, the authorities preserve the Missouri attitude.

WILL TAKE HAND IN LIQUOR FIGHT.

Attorney-General Says He Will Oppose Any Attack on Webb-Kenyon Act.

An echo of the action begun earlier in the month by Richmond liquor dealers to secure relief from the operation of the Webb-Kenyon act, as applied to shipments destined for South Carolina, came from Washington yesterday in the form of a statement credited to Attorney-General McReynolds, to the effect that should the Richmond dealers renew the fight the Department of Justice will take a hand.

Such a statement, it is reported, was made by Attorney-General McReynolds to Congressman E. Y. Webb, of North Carolina, co-author of the new national liquor act. Mr. Webb brought the recent action of the Richmond dealers to the attention of the Attorney-General, who, it is said, will intervene in the first case that is brought challenging the operation of the Webb-Kenyon law in any State.

READY TO ELECT MEDICAL FACULTY.

Board of United Colleges Will Meet Here Saturday Morning.

On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the board of visitors of the Medical College of Virginia and the University College of Medicine, amalgamated, will meet in the University College of Medicine for the purpose of electing the new faculty. After the most arduous and unremitting labor, the nominating committee has succeeded in vouching out the various applications and has prepared its nominations for the action of the board. While nothing can be definitely known, it is presumed that the recommendations of the committee will be accepted by the board.

Midnight oil has been squandered in profusion by the nominating committee. The immensity of its task can be understood when it is said that more than ninety applications were received, each accompanied by voluminous references, for the forty odd professorships and assistant professorships in the faculty. The committee has met four times; the first session was adjourned at 1 o'clock in the morning, the second at 2 o'clock, the third at 3 o'clock, and the fourth broke up in time for the weary committee men to greet the morning chattering on the way home.

On the diplomatic and tactical action of this committee depends to a great extent the harmony of the merger of the two colleges. It seems unavoidable that whichever way the committee turns, it will tread on some one's toes. Conscious of the precarious way, the committee members turn to the task with serious mind and have put it behind them after meeting every issue with unclouded fairness. This committee is composed of Henry L. Cabell, chairman; Dr. Paulus A. Irving, W. R. Miller, H. L. Biers, Dr. W. L. Harris and Eppa Hutton, Jr.

While the nominating committee has been struggling with its monumental task, the various other committees appointed at the organization meeting of the new board of visitors have accomplished the duties assigned to them and are ready with detail reports for the board meeting on Saturday.

IT'S SURE TO PLEASE.

All this week at McCarthy & Haynes', 610 East Broad Street. The delicious coffee of the new board of visitors will be served at our store. This fine coffee is the largest single selling brand of high-grade coffee in the world. If you enjoy good coffee and want good coffee, come in and try some. Nothing like it for your morning meal than a cup of pure, clean, good coffee. White House Coffee suits when others disappoint.

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